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<p>To improve the capabilities of the Coastal Studies Institute personnel to collect data on the full three-dimensional structure of the water column from ships of opportunity, we requested assistance in acquiring three pieces of instrumentation: an acoustic doppler current profiler, an attitude and position determination system and a portable bench salinometer. All three pieces were purchased and deployed on a field project in the Strait of Bab-al-Mandab and the Southern Red Sea. This project is designed to determine the annual cycle of mass, salt and heat transport through the strait, determine factors governing the outflow of deep Red Sea water through the strait, determine factors governing the scale-dependent forcing of inflow and outflow, and determine the hydrographic characteristics of water transiting the strait.</p>			
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# **FINAL REPORT**

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## **INSTRUMENTATION FOR COASTAL TRANSPORT STUDIES**

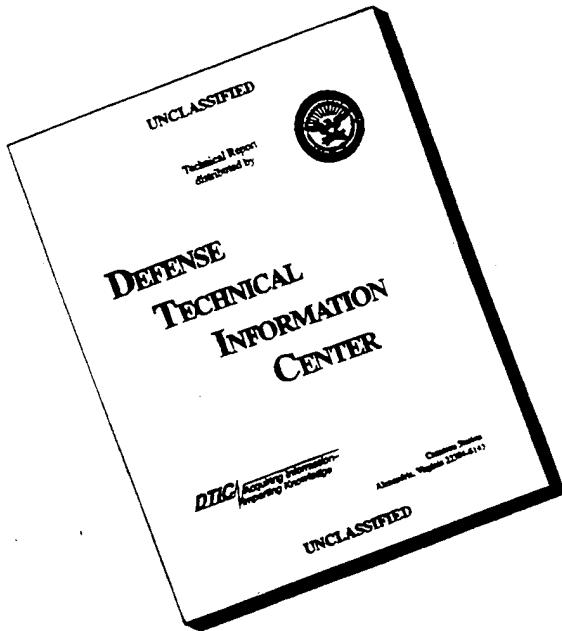
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## **INTRODUCTION**

In our original proposal, we were awarded \$117,080, to be matched by \$30,000 of LSU funds, in order to acquire three equipment systems for coastal transport studies: an acoustic doppler current profile system, a three-dimensional global positioning and attitude determination system, and a portable precision salinometer. These instrument systems were meant to facilitate our operations from ships of opportunity in both national and foreign waters. The three systems have been acquired (see Appendix 1 for specifications, costs, and copies of purchase orders). The total cost was \$150,405. The increase above the originally proposed budget was supplied by LSU.



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Center for Coastal, Energy & Environmental Resources

March 27, 1996

Dr. S. R. Ramp:  
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Ballston Tower One  
800 North Quincy Street  
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Dear Dr. Ramp:

I have enclosed three (3) copies of the final report concerning Grant Number N00014-95-1-0198. Dr. Murray and I appreciate your continued support of the research program at the Coastal Studies Institute. If further information is required, please contact either Dr. Murray or myself. I regret any inconvenience the delay in providing this report may have caused at you office.

Sincerely,

Wm. J. Wiseman, Jr.  
Professor and Director

## UTILIZATION OF EQUIPMENT

All three items purchased under this DURIP proposal were immediately put into use in a major ONR sponsored investigation of the Circulation in the strait of Bab al Mandab in the southern Red Sea in May-June 1995.

The acoustic doppler current profiler (ADCP) was attached to a 185 foot chartered vessel the M/V Argo Service via a heavy duty out board boom fabricated in our laboratories/shop and shipped out to the Middle East. The Ashtec ADU was mounted in a square array on the ship and provided unprecedented accuracy in ship heading (orientation) which allowed highly accurate calibration of the ADCP data set.

The third item, the portable salinometer, was also employed in the Red Sea experiment. Its use allowed us to maintain a running calibration on the Sea Bird CTD during the 51 stations of the CTD measurement program.

The study area is shown in Figure 1. Survey lines consist of one along channel (centerline) section and six across channel sections, A through F. Figure 2 displays the along strait component of the current as measured by the ADCP on a 12 hour transit from north to south along the centerline. Note that despite the strong modulation ( $\pm 50\text{cm/sec}$ ) of the semi-diurnal tide the two layer flow structure is readily apparent. The ADCP we purchased under DURIP operated in bottom track mode nearly everywhere in the Strait and, as a result, the data quality is excellent.

Figure 3 shows that the lower layer outflow mapped by the ADCP coincides with the high salinity Red Sea Deep Water as it escapes across the sill into the Gulf of Aden.

Although it malfunctioned during the last third of the cruise, we obtained excellent results from the ship-mounted broad-band ADCP, (over 90% data recovery in bottom tracking mode). Indirect estimates of the transport of Red Sea water through the Bab al Mandab Strait suggest an annual mean transport of 0.33 Sv (Sielder, 1968), varying from approximately 0.6 Sv in winter to nearly zero in late summer (Patzert, 1974). Our findings from the June 1995 cruise indicate that strong outflow conditions were still in force as of early summer (Fig. 4).

Outflow velocities in excess of 1 m/s were observed at the B-section with salinities greater than 40 filling the deep channel below 80 m (Fig. 5). Weaker inflow occurred above this layer. Our preliminary estimate of the net outflow transport is 0.5 Sv, typical of wintertime conditions. These results call into question the conclusion by Neumann and McGill (1962) that Red Sea Deep Water is completely trapped below sill depth during the entire summer season, from approximately June to September. A curious feature of the velocity distribution in Figure 4, which to our knowledge has not been observed before, is the maximum in outflow intensity near the top of the Red Sea Deep Water layer, rather than at the bottom. This suggests that even though a strong outflow is occurring, much of the outflow at this time is composed of intermediate salinity waters that represent a mixing product between the Red Sea Deep Water and fresher waters flowing in from the Gulf of Aden.

## FUTURE PLANS

All three items of equipment will again be utilized in the Red Sea Strait of Bab al Mandab study in March-April 1996, and again in October 1996. The Ashtec ADU will be returned to LSU during the summer for use with a new very shallow water (~ 10 m) ADCP we are acquiring. The portable salinometer will also be returned to process samples from local studies.

Results of measurements using this instrument were presented at the 1996 AGU Ocean Science Meeting; Murray, S.P. and W. Johns, Exchange Processes through the Bab al Mandab Strait. First look, EOS, Trans. Amer. Geophysics. Union U. 76, No. 3, abs 055J-9, and more recent results will be presented at Western Pacific AGU meeting in July in Brisbane.

Red Sea, Cruise 1, CTD #

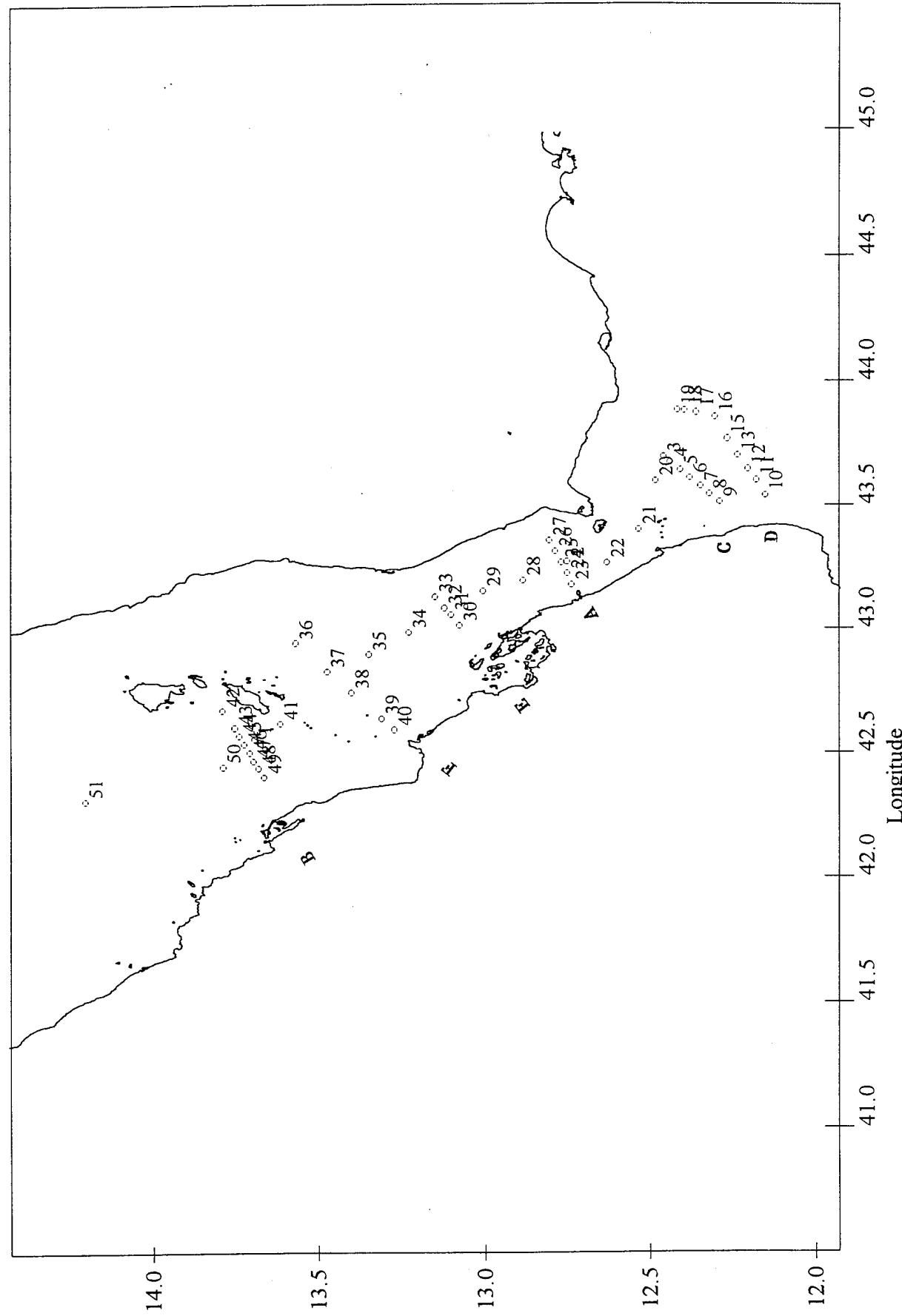


FIGURE 1. Stations and sections in Bab al Mandab study area.

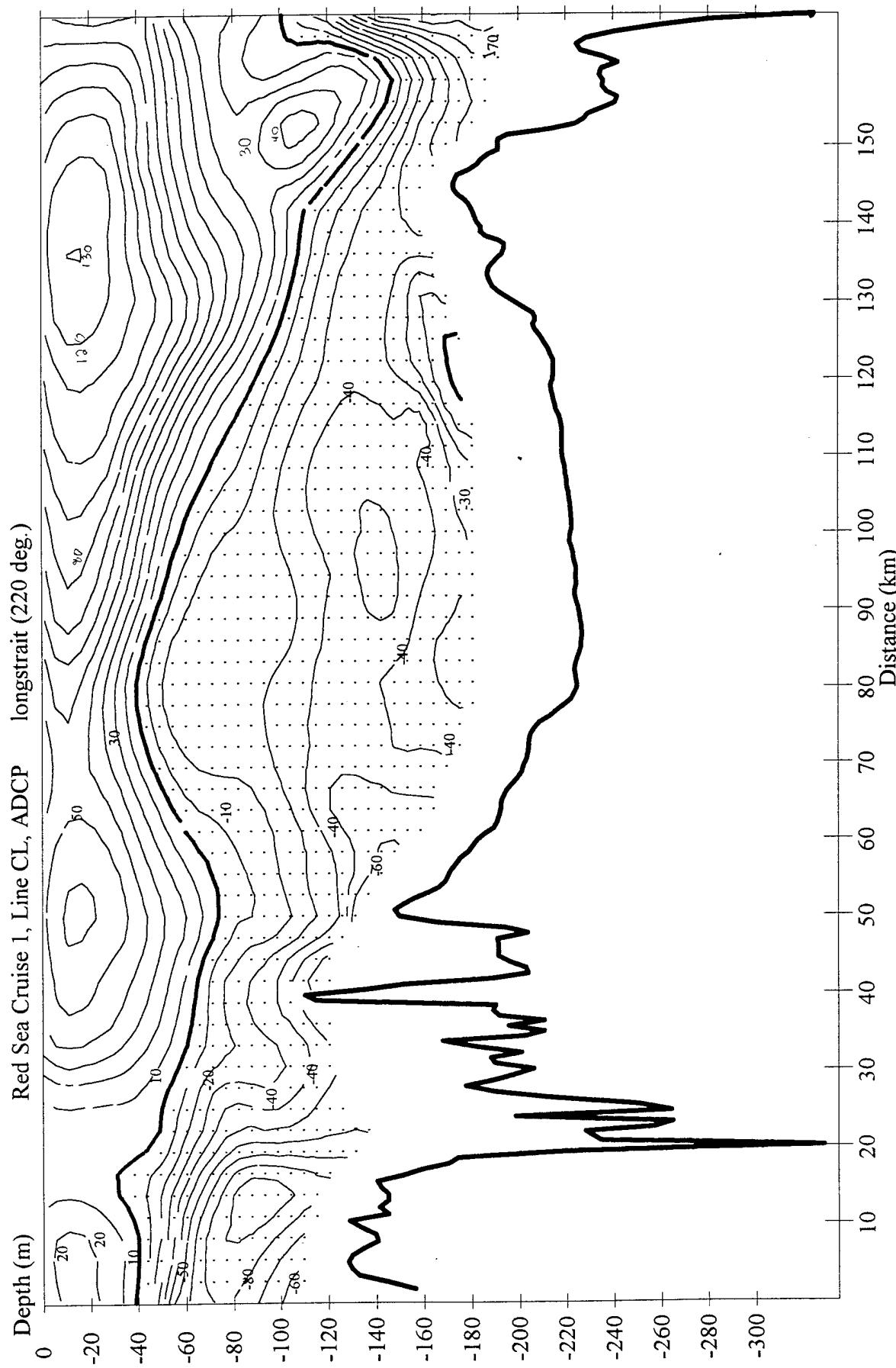


FIGURE 2. Along-strait component of current from the ADCP along the channel centerline.

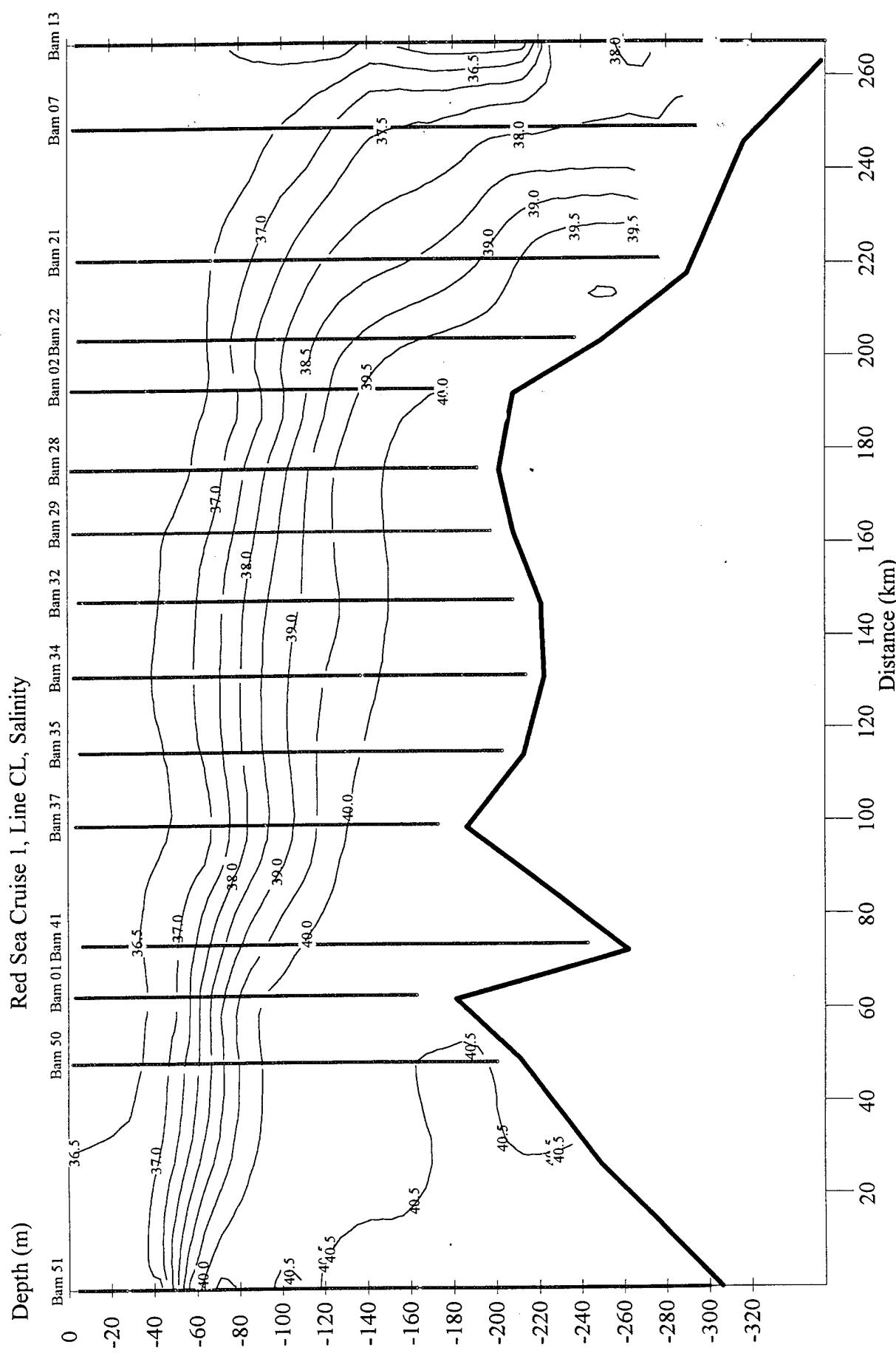


FIGURE 3. Salinity distribution along the centerline of the channel.

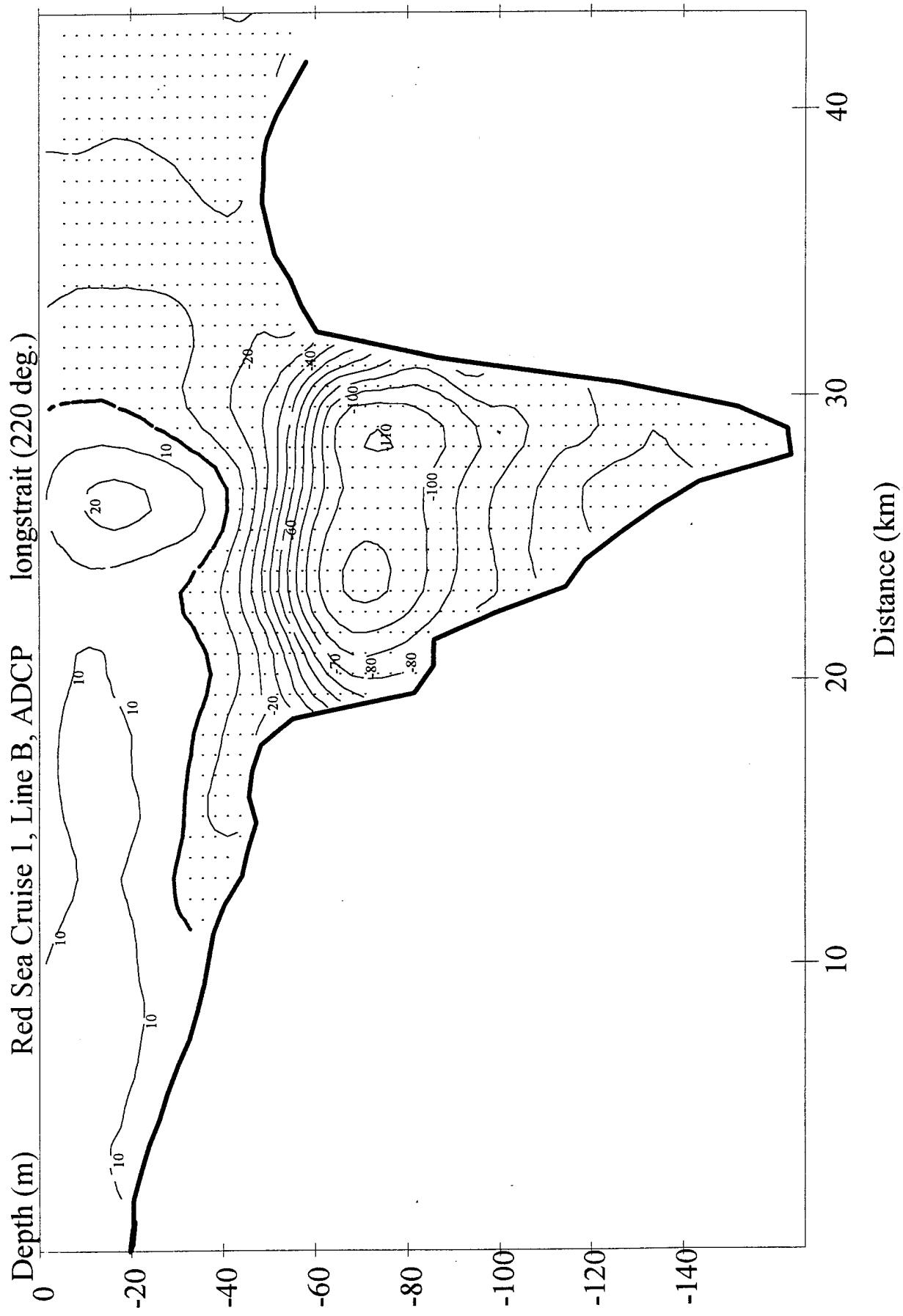


FIGURE 4. Along-strait component of ADCP current at section B.

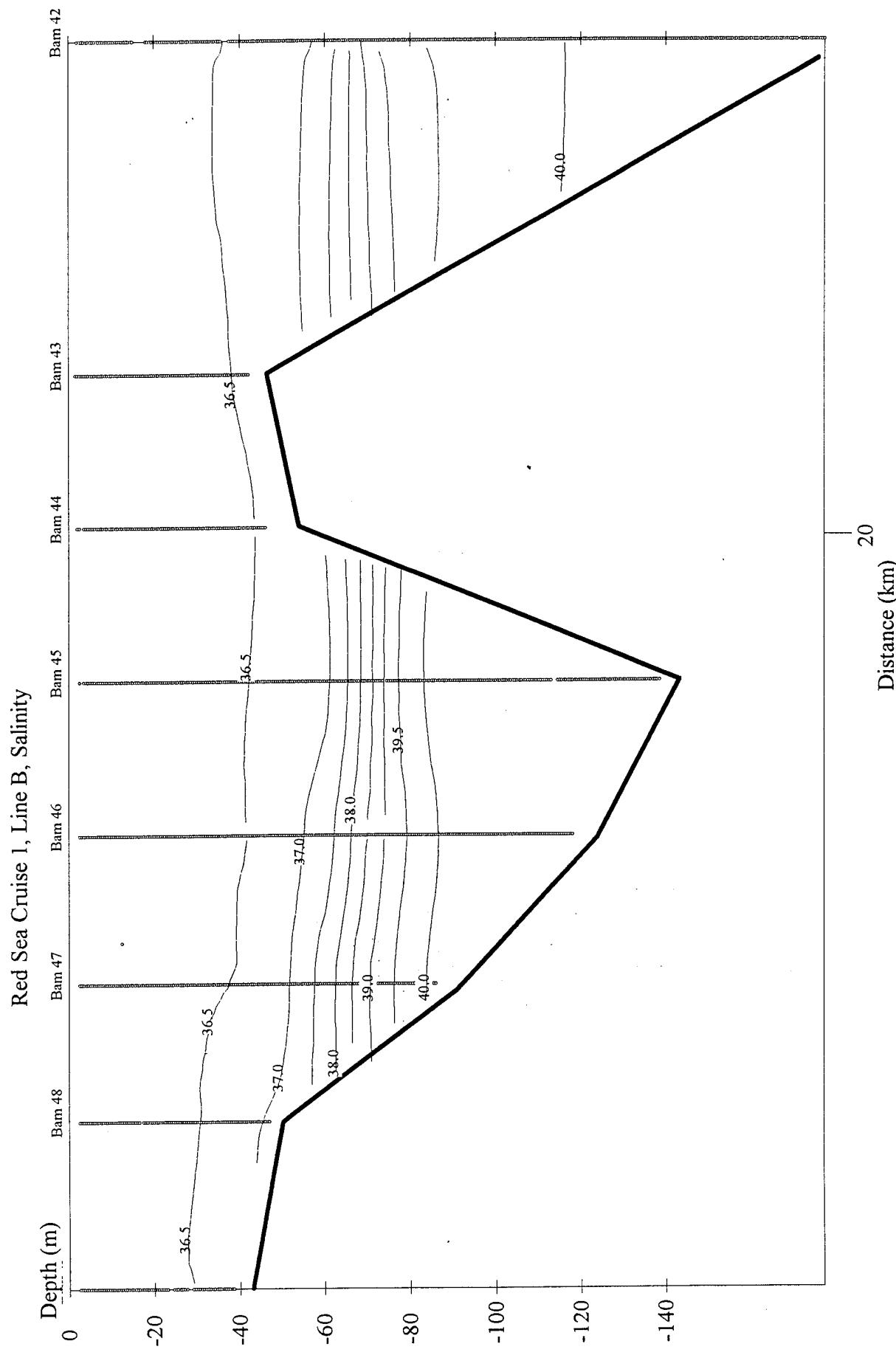


FIGURE 5. Salinity along section B.

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	600 khz transducer head	20,710
	Power Timing board	5,520
	Demodulator boards (2) \$2,820/ea.	5,640
	Special modification to underwater case	3,000
	GYRO interface	4,310
	Total	\$115,620

Rd Instruments, Inc.  
 9855 Businesspark Ave  
 San Diego, CA 92131

2.	Three-dimensional global positioning and attitude determination system	\$ 17,800
	Real-time differential GPS option	1,500
	Total	\$ 19,300

ASHTECH, INC  
 1170 Kifer Road  
 Sunnyvalley, CA 94086

3.	Portable precision salinometer	\$ 12,995
	Digital platinum resistance reference thermometer	2,490
	Total	\$ 15,485

Guildline Instruments, Inc.  
 103 Commerce Street, Suite 160  
 Lake Mary, FL 32795-2590

GRAND TOTAL	\$150,405
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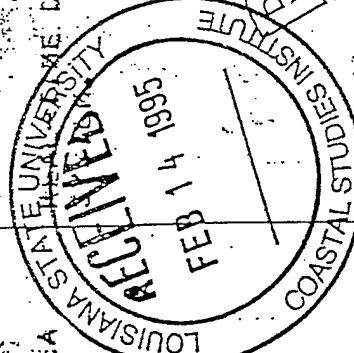
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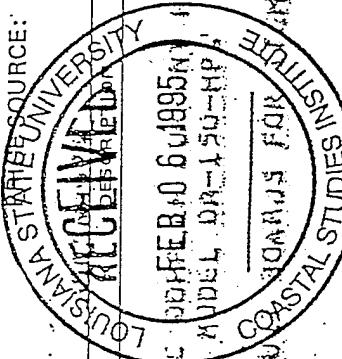
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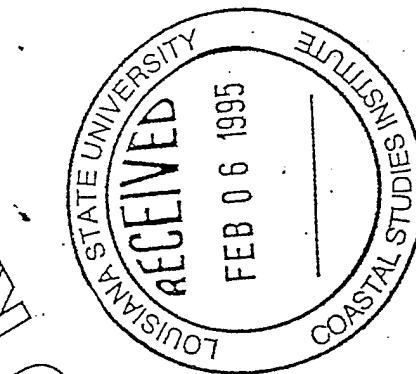
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